State BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002 Massachusetts

The population of Massachusetts in 2002 was 6,431,788. Its rank was 13th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Massachusetts had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$38,862. This PCPI ranked 3rd in the United States and was 126 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI remained unchanged from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Massachusetts was \$24,538 and ranked 4th in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Massachusetts had a total personal income (TPI) of \$249,954,238*. This TPI ranked 10th in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Massachusetts was \$147,930,356* and ranked 10th in the United States. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 0.3 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and total personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Massachusetts. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 70.0 percent of TPI (compared with 68.0 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.7 percent (compared with 18.0 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.3 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 0.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.0 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 5.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Massachusetts increased from \$200,720,883* in 2001 to \$200,835,962* in 2002, an increase of 0.1 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$115,005,199* to the 2002 estimate was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.